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2009 ARIDO AWARDS HONOUR ONTARIO'S BEST INTERIOR DESIGNERS

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The Association of Registered Interior Designers of Ontario (ARIDO) announced the winners of its annual ARIDO Awards Program, during a gala dinner last night at the Liberty Grand in Toronto. This prestigious awards program honours innovation, creativity and professional achievement in the province's interior design industry. Judges selected 32 designs from 10 categories; among the winning entries were 11 Awards of Excellence, 20 Awards of Merit and one Project of the Year. (See attached list.)

The winning projects showcase a wide range of interior design talent, from retail to residential, corporate to health-care, public and institutional spaces to major restoration projects, and specialty elements to trade show displays. They include a museum of biodiversity, a 2010 Olympic Games store, a retail concourse, conference centre, dentistry office, and restaurant, as well as private residences, condo sales offices, corporate offices, and a design show display of crystals. An integrated graphics program was honoured, along with a custom-made conference table system and a fireplace.

This year's projects are not confined within Ontario's borders. "We are very proud of the fact that a number of ARIDO members are creating award-winning designs for national and international clients," says ARIDO's president, Deborah Rutherford. "Four of this year's Award of Excellence projects are outside of Canada."

The transformation of a historical powerhouse in St. Louis, Missouri, into a modern office building was selected as Project of the Year. The design, by Maureen Donohue of Cannon Design, Toronto, beautifully contrasts the original structure with contemporary elements. A hotel as well as a condo sales office in Atlanta, Georgia, and a retail men's department in Dublin, Ireland, also received top awards. All three of these projects were designed by Diego Burdi of burdifilek, Toronto.

In addition to Project of the Year, interior designers from Cannon Design, Toronto, received two more awards for their workplace designs. And Stantec received awards for the design of its firm's Toronto and Guelph offices, as well as an award for a regional health centre. Two Awards of Excellence went to Elaine Cecconi and Anna Simone of Cecconi Simone Inc. for an appliance showroom and the Lippincott model suite. Valerie Gow of Gow Hastings Architects Inc. was honoured with an Award of Excellence for her design of the Music Production Facility and Recording Studio at Humber College, and an Award of Merit for George Brown's Centre for Hospitality & Culinary Arts.

"The Association takes great pride in the contribution its members make to public and private spaces," says Rutherford. "ARIDO's Awards Program builds public awareness of our professional capabilities and the important contribution interior designers make to the built environment."

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About ARIDO

ARIDO is the professional association for Interior Designers in Ontario. ARIDO's mandate is to serve the interests of both the public and the interior design industry. It does so by registering interior designers who voluntarily meet required standards of education, experience and examination. For more information on ARIDO, please visit arido.ca.

2009 ARIDO Award recipients:

Project of the Year: Cannon Design, St. Louis Office

Interior Designer: Maureen Donohue / **Design Firm:** Cannon Design

11 Awards of Excellence

Project: Stratford Cottage

Interior Designer: Brenda Bjarnason / **Design Firm:** Bjarnason & Associates Interior Design Inc.

Project: Sub-Zero Wolf Showroom for Maroline Distributing Inc.

Interior Designer: Elaine Cecconi and Anna Simone / **Design Firm:** Cecconi Simone Inc.

Project: VANOC Olympic Store

Interior Designer: Ted Wilson / **Design Firm:** Hbc Store Planning and Design

Project: Brown Thomas & Co. Men's Department

Interior Designer: Diego Burdi / **Design Firm:** burdifilek

Project: 2009 Interior Design Show, Crystal Clear

Interior Designer: Jenny Lee and Yvonne Ho / **Design Firm:** FULL SCALE & PARTNERS

Project: Lippincott Living Model Suite

Interior Designer: Elaine Cecconi and Anna Simone / **Design Firm:** Cecconi Simone Inc.

Project: W Hotel – Condo Sales Centre

Interior Designer: Diego Burdi / **Design Firm:** burdifilek

Project: W Atlanta - Downtown

Interior Designer: Diego Burdi / **Design Firm:** burdifilek

Project: Humber College, Music Production Facility and Recording Studio

Interior Designer: Valerie Gow / **Design Firm:** Gow Hastings Architects Inc.

Project: Schad Gallery of Biodiversity, Royal Ontario Museum

Interior Designer: Fang-Pin Lee / **Design Firm:** Reich + Petch Design International

Project: Stantec, Toronto Office

Interior Designer: Kelly Stobbe / **Design Firm:** Stantec

20 Awards of Merit

Project: Modern Family Home

Interior Designer: Jeffrey Douglas / **Design Firm:** Douglas Design Studio

Project: Astley Avenue

Interior Designer: Theresa Casey / **Design Firm:** Casey Design Group

Project: Spring @ Minto Gardens

Interior Designer: Carmen Dragomir / **Design Firm:** esQape design inc.

Project: 145 King Street Retail Concourse

Interior Designer: Trifon Voltsinis / **Design Firm:** Mole White + Cohos Evamy integratedesign™

Project: Invesco Enterprise Services

Interior Designer: Michel Arcand / **Design Firm:** Cannon Design

Project: Urbacon

Interior Designer: Don Parker / **Design Firm:** Cannon Design

Project: Mackenzie Investments

Interior Designer: Erik Heppner / **Design Firm:** IBI Group

Project: Cara Operations Ltd., Head Office

Interior Designer: Theo West-Parks / **Design Firm:** Westparks & Associates Inc.

Project: Newalta Corporation, Head Office

Interior Designer: Jane Lawson / **Design Firm:** Walker Lawson Interior Design Inc.

Project: IT Headquarters

Interior Designer: Beverly Korchynos / **Design Firm:** Sizeland Evans Interior Design Inc.

Project: FUEL Advertising

Interior Designer: Inger Bartlett / **Design Firm:** Bartlett & Associates Ltd.

Project: Conference Centre

Interior Designer: Sharon Martens / **Design Firm:** MartensGroup Licensed Interior Design Studios Ltd.

Project: Peterborough Regional Health Centre

Interior Designer: Stacy Fleming / **Design Firm:** Stantec

Project: Dr. Janice Lee Dentistry

Interior Designer: Neal Prabhu / **Design Firm:** nkA

Project: George Brown College, Centre for Hospitality and Culinary Arts

Interior Designer: Valerie Gow / **Design Firm:** Gow Hastings Architects Inc.

Project: Makimono

Interior Designer: Joe Cho / **Design Firm:** J. CHO Design

Project: Stantec, Guelph Office

Interior Designer: Alan Dalquen / **Design Firm:** Stantec

Project: MMM Group: Integrated Graphics Program

Interior Designer: Yvonne Campbell and Chantal Frenette / **Design Firm:** modo

Project: Deloitte National, Conferencing Table System

Interior Designer: John Kelly and Kristina Moeller / **Design Firm:** Kelly McTernan Lavoie

Project: Illuminated Fireplace

Interior Designer: Jeffrey Douglas / **Design Firm:** Douglas Design Studio